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To amend the Small Business Act to improve SCORE, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. EXPANSION OF VOLUNTEER REPRESENTATION**

4 **AND BENCHMARK REPORTS.**

5 (a) EXPANSION OF VOLUNTEER REPRESENTA-
6 TION.—Section 8(b)(1)(B) of the Small Business Act (15
7 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B)) is amended by inserting “(i)” after
8 “(B)” and by adding at the end the following:

9 “(ii) The Administrator shall ensure that
10 SCORE, established under this subparagraph, car-
11 ries out a plan to increase the proportion of mentors

1 who are from socially or economically disadvantaged
2 backgrounds and, on an annual basis, reports to the
3 Administrator on the implementation of this sub-
4 paragraph.”.

5 (b) BENCHMARK REPORTS.—Section 8(b)(1)(B) of
6 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B)), as
7 amended, is further amended by adding at the end the
8 following:

9 “(iii) The Administrator shall ensure that
10 SCORE, established under this subparagraph, estab-
11 lishes benchmarks for use in evaluating the perform-
12 ance of its activities and the performance of its vol-
13 unteers. The benchmarks shall include benchmarks
14 relating to the demographic characteristics and the
15 geographic characteristics of persons assisted by
16 SCORE, benchmarks relating to the hours spent
17 mentoring by volunteers, and benchmarks relating to
18 the performance of the persons assisted by SCORE.
19 SCORE shall report, on an annual basis, to the Ad-
20 ministrator the extent to which the benchmarks es-
21 tablished under this clause are being attained.”.

22 **SEC. 2. MENTORING AND NETWORKING.**

23 Section 8(b)(1)(B) of the Small Business Act (15
24 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B)), as amended, is further amended by
25 adding at the end the following:

1 “(iv) The Administrator shall ensure that
2 SCORE, established under this subparagraph, estab-
3 lishes a mentoring program for small business con-
4 cerns that provides one-on-one advice to small busi-
5 ness concerns from qualified counselors. For pur-
6 poses of this clause, qualified counselors are coun-
7 selors with at least 10 years experience in the indus-
8 try sector or area of responsibility of the small busi-
9 ness concern seeking advice.

10 “(v) The Administrator shall carry out a net-
11 working program through SCORE, established
12 under this subparagraph, that provides small busi-
13 ness concerns with the opportunity to make business
14 contacts in their industry or geographic region.”.

15 **SEC. 3. NAME OF PROGRAM CHANGED TO SCORE.**

16 (a) NAME CHANGE.—The Small Business Act is
17 amended—

18 (1) in section 8(b)(1)(B) (15 U.S.C.
19 637(b)(1)(B)), by striking “Executives (SCORE)”
20 and inserting “Executives (in this Act referred to as
21 ‘SCORE’)”;

22 (2) in section 7(m)(3)(A)(i)(VIII) (15 U.S.C.
23 636(m)(3)(A)(i)(VIII)), by striking “the Service
24 Corps of Retired Executives” and inserting
25 “SCORE”;

1 (3) in section 20 (15 U.S.C. 631 note)—

2 (A) in subsection (d)(1)(E), by striking
3 “the Service Corps of Retired Executives pro-
4 gram” and inserting “SCORE”; and

5 (B) in subsection (e)(1)(E), by striking
6 “the Service Corps of Retired Executives pro-
7 gram” and inserting “SCORE”; and

8 (4) in section 33(b)(2) (15 U.S.C. 657e(b)(2),
9 by striking “the Service Corps of Retired Executives
10 program” and inserting “SCORE”.

11 (b) ELIMINATION OF ACE.—Section 8(b)(1)(B) of
12 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B)), as
13 amended, is further amended by striking “and an Active
14 Corps of Executive (ACE)”.

15 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 Section 20 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631
17 note) is amended by inserting the following new subsection
18 after subsection (e):

19 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR
20 SCORE.—There is authorized to be appropriated
21 \$7,000,000 for SCORE under section 8(b)(1) for each of
22 the fiscal years 2010 and 2011.”.